

## **California WIC BPC Program RFF Frequently Asked Questions**

- **Does the person who is supervising the peer counselors need to be an IBCLC?**

No, the supervisor does not need to be an IBCLC. The supervisor should be an RD/CLE or a WNA/CLE.

- **Can our agency use BPC funds for the IBCLC to provide direct services and also to supervise staff?**

Yes, the IBCLC can serve as a supervisor for the peer counselors and provide direct IBCLC services to WIC breastfeeding mothers who are BPC Program participants.

- **Can more than one person supervise peer counselors to divide up the workload?**

Yes.

- **Can our agency use Breastfeeding Peer Counseling funds to apply for grants?**

No, the personnel time funded by this RFF may not be used to apply for additional funding from other sources.

- **Can peer counselors issue and clean pumps?**

Peer counselors can issue pumps to BPC Program participants only. Pump cleaning is a standard WIC function and the BPC funds are for providing additional breastfeeding services, therefore cleaning breast pumps must be paid for out of NSA funds.

- **Do we have to select a target group for our Peer Counseling program?**

It is recommended that a target group is selected. Examples are first time mothers, prenatal moms, African American moms, etc.

- **How will our agency know if our planned BPC expenses are allowable?**

Refer to the "Allowable Costs for Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Funds" document found under the "BPC Program Request for Funding Application Resources: FFY 2012-2013" page of the wicworks website. You can also contact your BPC Program State Agency Contact if you have allowable costs questions.

- **What State trainings are BPC Program staff required to attend?**

BPC Program staff is required to attend a total of two trainings: the Bi-Annual Training in Sacramento and a Regional Training in their geographic area.

- **Are space and lease costs for peer counselors to provide BPC services allowable?**

Yes, these costs are now allowable. We will expect to see only a small percentage of your funds going towards items other than personnel costs.

- **“Other Resources (Funds and In-Kind Support)” is listed on page 2 of the BPC Program Budget: FFY 2012-13 spreadsheet. What are you asking for in this section?**

This page is designed to capture any additional monetary or non-monetary sources of support for your BPC Program other than the actual USDA BPC Program funds received. Some examples include WIC-NSA or First 5 funding. In this section, describe each source and then itemize the amount of funds, length of the time period receiving funds, and what specific BPC expenses these funds will support.